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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH-CARBON

STEEL RAILS EXCELLENT IN WEAR

RESISTANCE AND DUCTILITY

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.